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[1](#)1. (S) MFA Under Secretary Zygimantas Pavilionis told the Ambassador on July 3 that Lithuania remains willing to accept some detainees from the Guantanamo Bay Detention Center. Pavilionis said that things were going smoothly. The only reason the process has slowed down is that the MFA needs to bring the new Head of the State Security Department, Povilas Malakauskas, up to speed on the issue. FM Vaitiekunas met with Malakauskas on July 4 to provide an in-brief and Pavilionis told the Ambassador that this issue would be discussed in that meeting.

[1](#)2. (S) Pavilionis went on to say that the GOL was preparing to move into the implementation phase of this project. He said there was a "political green light" to proceed. We will report further developments as they arise.  
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